Closure of Overseas Offices by AI

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) Air India's total loss/profit amount during the last three years (year-wise);

(b) Air India's total fleet of aircraft staff employed in and outside India;

(c) whether it is a fact that 700 people are on job to fly one Air India's aircraft is 2 ½ As on 30.9.2001Times the number of people used by other airlines;

(d) whether Air India resorting to cost cutting measures by closing 20 out of 78 overseas offices and off-loading the foreign national hired by it at offices abroad; and

(e) if so, the details thereof including net savings thereby?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) The details in respect of Air India are as under:

	Profit/(Loss)Rs. in crores
1998-1999	(174.48)
1999-2000	(37.63)
2000-2001	(44.40)
2001-2002 (upto September, 2001)	12.00 (provisional)

(b) and (c) Based on fleet strength of 27 aircraft (including 4 A310-300 aircraft on dry lease) and the staff strength of 16890 as on 01.11.2001 (after excluding employees on leave without pay for two years extendable upto five years), the employee per aircraft comes to 626.

(d) and (e) Air India has decided to close down 20 offline stations and downsize 29 overseas stations. To effect savings by way of salaries which may work out to approximately Rs. 470.25 lacs per annum at offline stations and approximately Rs. 1438.40 lacs per annum at online stations